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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed October 20, 2003.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants note U.S. Patent Nos. 4,792,203; 5,402,515; and 6,263,141 B1 also listed in the search report were previously cited to or by the Examiner.

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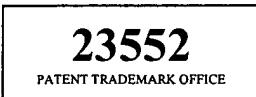
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